

**Council Meeting: December 1, 2009****SUBJECT: Approval of Budget Modification No. 14 to Recognize Grant Funding and Appropriate Funds for Various Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects****DISCUSSION**

The City of Sunnyvale has been awarded funding from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation Fund for Clean Air, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bicycle Expenditure Program, and the State of California for three bicycle and pedestrian projects. Staff is recommending that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute any required grant agreements and to approve Budget Modification No. 14 to: (1) appropriate \$52,000 of awarded funds from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation Fund for Clean Air to new project Borregas Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements; (2) appropriate \$720,000 of awarded funds from the State of California Safe Routes to School program to existing project 828160, Residential and School Area Sidewalks; and (3) appropriate \$160,000 awarded funds from the VTA Bicycle Expenditure Program (with an additional \$40,000 local match from dedicated funds in the Capital Projects/ Traffic Mitigation Subfund) to new project Mary Avenue Street Space Allocation Study.

**BACKGROUND**

Per City policy, staff has pursued outside grant funding for eligible projects contained in the Twenty-Year Resource Allocation Plan and other City plans. Recently the City has been awarded three grants for projects. The City received \$52,000 from the Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Manager Fund for bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Borregas Avenue near the recently constructed bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The City also was awarded \$160,000 for a Mary Avenue Street Space Allocation Study from the VTA Bicycle Expenditure Program. This project requires a 20% local match, which was approved by Council on May 5, 2009 as part of the authorization to file for FY 09/10 Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding (RTC 09-110 Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Filing of the Fiscal Year 2009/10 TDA Article 3 Application for Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects). The City also was awarded a \$720,000 grant from the State of California Safe Routes to School program for pedestrian improvements at various locations Citywide. The Safe Routes to School funding will be paired with a previously secured grant in the

amount of \$207,000 for an existing project, 828160 Residential and School Area Sidewalks project.

These projects stemmed from the City's Bicycle Opportunities Study/Bicycle Capital Improvement Program, and the Pedestrian Safety and Opportunities Study. Additionally, Council directed that staff consider bikeway planning for Mary Avenue as a top priority.

### **EXISTING POLICY**

Land Use and Transportation Element C3.5, Maximize the provision of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Fiscal Sub-Element 7.1B.4d; Pursue and use intergovernmental assistance for projects in the Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

These grant revenues provide funding for projects that have been identified as desirable, but were dependent on receiving outside revenues in order to proceed. There is no net fiscal impact to the City for appropriation of the grant revenues. Two of the projects, the new Borregas Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements project and the existing Residential and School Area Sidewalks project (828160), require no City matching funds. The third project, the Mary Avenue Street Space Allocation Study, which is also a new project, does require City matching funds, and these funds have been included in the FY 2009/2010 Adopted Budget. The total cost for this project is \$200,000, with \$160,000 coming from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation Fund for Clean Air and the other \$40,000 coming from the City. Staff proposes the local matching funds be appropriated from a dedicated source in the Capital Projects Fund/Traffic Mitigation Sub-fund that has budgeted expenditures in FY 2009/2010 specifically for the purpose of providing local matching funds. Utilizing a portion of the budgeted matching fund appropriation for this project was approved by Council on May 5, 2009 as part of the authorization to file for FY 09/10 TDA funding (RTC 09-110).

Budget Modification No. 14 has been prepared to: (1) appropriate \$52,000 of awarded funds from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation Fund for Clean Air to new project Borregas Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements; (2) appropriate \$720,000 of awarded funds from the State of California Safe Routes to School program to existing project 828160, Residential and School Area Sidewalks; and, (3) appropriate \$160,000 awarded funds from the VTA Bicycle Expenditure Program (with an additional \$40,000 local match from dedicated funds in the Capital Projects/Traffic Mitigation Subfund) to new project Mary Avenue Street Space Allocation Study.

**Budget Modification No. 14  
 FY 2009/2010**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>	<u>Revised</u>
<b>Capital Projects Fund/ General Assets Subfund</b>			
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation Fund for Clean Air Grant	\$0	\$52,000	\$52,000
State of California Safe Routes to School Program Grant	\$0	\$720,000	\$720,000
VTA Bicycle Expenditure Program Grant	\$0	\$160,000	\$160,000
<u>Transfers In:</u>			
New Project - Mary Avenue Street Space Allocation Study	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
New Project – Borregas Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	\$ 0	\$52,000	\$52,000
New Project – Mary Avenue Street Space Allocation Study	\$ 0	\$200,000	\$200,000
828160 – Residential and School Area Sidewalks	\$ 207,000	\$720,000	\$927,000
<b>Capital Projects Fund/ Traffic Mitigation Subfund</b>			
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Dedicated Local Matching funds	\$200,000	(\$40,000)	\$160,000
<u>Transfers Out:</u>			
New Project – Mary Avenue Street Space Allocation Study	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000

## **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute any required agreements to secure grant funding for the Borregas Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project, the Mary Avenue Street Space Allocation Study, and the Residential and School Area Sidewalks Project.
2. Approve Budget Modification No. 14 to: (1) appropriate \$52,000 of awarded funds from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation Fund for Clean Air to new project Borregas Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, (2) appropriate \$720,000 of awarded funds from the State of California Safe Routes to School program to existing project 828160, Residential and School Area Sidewalks, and (3) appropriate \$160,000 awarded funds from the VTA Bicycle Expenditure Program (with an additional \$40,000 local match from dedicated funds in the Capital Projects/Traffic Mitigation Subfund) to new project Mary Avenue Street Space Allocation Study.
3. Do not take action at this time and forfeit grant funding for various bicycle and pedestrian projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Alternatives No. 1 and No. 2: Authorize the City Manager to execute the required agreements to secure grant funding as follows:

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Approval of these actions will allow funding to be realized and appropriated for planned bicycle and pedestrian projects.

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